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Senate

The Senate met at 8:15 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, St. Patrick's Church, Washington, DC.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we call upon You this day. Make each one of us more deeply conscious of Your presence in our midst and in our lives. Because of You, "we live and move and have our being."—Acts 17:28. O Lord, help us see You more clearly in all that we do and are—particularly in this Chamber where laws are made.

It is Your law, after all, the law of love which You continue to inscribe on our hearts which alone gives us peace. Lifting our hearts and voices to You, we pray on this June day that ancient Hebrew psalm: "O Lord, great peace have they who love Your law."—Psalm 119.

As servants and guardians of the law on Earth, give us that peace in abundance. Fill us with Your peace and love, a love which makes us ever more sensitive and vigilant to You and Your presence in those we are called to serve.

Almighty Father, continue to encourage us in all our humble efforts carried out in Your life-giving name. Amen.

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from New Mexico.

APPRECIATION TO MSGR. PETER VAGHI

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to thank Msgr. Peter Vaghi for leading the Senate in prayer this morning and to tell the Senate that Reverend Vaghi and I have been friends for a long time.

We met in a casual way, as commuters on a train. A few years after that, Father Vaghi decided to continue his education and to seek to be a priest, and, for three summers, while he was getting educated, I had the luxury and privilege of having him work summers in my office.

I found him to be an extraordinary human being. As I saw his extraordinary qualities then, I am privileged, from a distance, to watch those extraordinary qualities develop as he attempts in his ministry to lead people in the way of the Lord. I am very grateful that he chose to come today, and I thank our Chaplain for inviting him.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 9:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

Mr. HATFIELD addressed the Chair.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATFIELD. On behalf of the Republican leader, I would like to indicate, as the Chair already stated, this morning there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 9:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S.

1745, the DOD authorization bill. Pending will be a Nunn-Lugar-Domenici amendment regarding terrorism, on which there will be 10 minutes of debate time remaining.

Following the expiration or yielding back of time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on or in relation to the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici amendment, to be followed by a vote on a motion to invoke cloture on the DOD authorization bill, if necessary.

If all debate time is used, Senators can expect those rollcall votes to occur at 9:40 a.m. Rollcall votes are expected throughout the day on the DOD authorization bill, and a late night session is expected in order to complete action on the bill.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Washington, [Mrs. MURRAY] is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

Mrs. MURRAY. Thank you, Mr. President.

SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF UNITED STATES SERVICE PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, let me just take this opportunity to extend to the families of the young men and women who lost their lives, and who were injured in Saudi Arabia a few days ago, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers.

It is certainly our duty to protect those who we send overseas to protect us, and we cannot allow terrorist activities to threaten the lives of our young Americans.

I really want to commend the President this morning for his strong and swift action, and again extend my deepest sympathies to those families.

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